

PRESIDENT TAFT
TO INVESTIGATEMay Then Modify Indian Treaties
in Minnesota.

SIX FIGURE IN CONTROVERSY

But Only Two of the Conventions May
Be Altered by the Chief Executive
of the Nation—Congress Alone Em-
powered to Change the Other
Treaties.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Following the conference at the White House, during which President Taft listened to the reform side of the Minnesota Indian liquor situation, it became known that Mr. Taft has practically decided on the course that he will follow with the problem. Unless evidence is presented warranting change in the procedure, the president has decided to limit the operation of the treaties of 1847 and 1851 to the regions inhabited by the Indians and sections which they frequent. His present plans are followed bills will be presented in congress limiting in like manner the operation of the other treaties that apply to the Indian country of the state.

Six treaties figure in this controversy. Two of them only—those of 1851 and 1847—may be modified by executive order. The other four require action by congress before they can be changed in any particular. Those who are opposed to the condition of affairs precipitated by the Ballinger order declare that a limitation upon the treaties of 1847 and 1851 would not remove cause for complaint. For that reason measures will be offered in congress, which, if passed, taken in connection with the president's prospective order, will diminish the boundaries of the dry zone, taking in only those districts where the blanket Indian would find it easy to obtain alcoholic drinks.

From what was learned there may be some delay in the issuance of the president's order. Questions were brought up that require investigation. The president desires to be informed in detail of the precise location of the various Indian communities. When this information is supplied he will act.

Conference on Liquor Situation.

The president conferred on the Minnesota liquor situation with Henry W. Blair, president, and Dr. Wilbur Crafts, local agent of the International Reform bureau; S. E. Nicholson, legislative agent of the Anti-Saloon League of America; and Mrs. Emma S. Shelton of the W. C. T. U. of this city, who spoke for the national organization. R. A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, was also present.

Briefly stated, the argument of the president's callers was in opposition to any change in the terms of the Ballinger order. It was qualified in some respects. Mr. Nicholson said that his organization desires to protect the citizen as well as the blanket Indian from the menace of strong drink. He did not believe it was possible to effect absolute prohibition in all the territory affected by the treaties.

Submitting telegrams of protest from Minnesota, Mrs. Shelton expressed the hope that the Ballinger order would be enforced to the letter.

Messrs. Blair and Crafts stood by the Ballinger order. They suggested that if a change must be made the president temporarily suspend the operation of the two treaties under which he has authority to act. If the experiment demonstrated that the local authorities would extend a full measure of co-operation to the federal government in keeping liquor away from the Indians well and good; if not, then the ill should be clamped down again, hard and fast.

Dr. Crafts insisted in any event the Ballinger order should extend to every county in Minnesota inhabited by citizen Indians.

There was some discussion over a point raised at the White House conference by Representatives Tawney, Miller, Volstead, Nye and Stevens. They objected to the Ballinger order on the ground that it amounted to an invasion of the rights of the state. It is understood Governor Eberhart took the same position in his talk on the subject with the president.

The Anti-Saloon league insisted that the government should not countenance practices that would tend to violations of law in prohibition states.

COLLEGE DECLINES A GIFT

Believes Family Needs the Money
More Than It Does.

Washington, Pa., Dec. 22.—Washington and Jefferson college relinquished claim upon a \$40,000 endowment because it was thought the widow and six children of the donor needed the money more.

Before his death a year ago, the donor, who was a graduate of the college, made a codicil to his will adding \$40,000 to \$10,000 which he already had set apart for the college.

President J. D. Moffat made the announcement of the rejection, saying that to accept it would leave an insufficient amount for the widow and her children.

But Not Now.

Howell—Is he in good standing?
Powell—He was until I sat on him.—
New York Press.

THREE HUNDRED
MEN ARE DEADResult of an Explosion in a
Colliery in England.

JUST AFTER WORK WAS BEGUN

Accident Happened That Cost the
Lives of Nearly All the Men in the
Mine—Only a Few Are Rescued
Alive and They Are So Badly In-
jured That They May Die.

Bolton, Eng., Dec. 22.—More than 300 colliers lost their lives in an explosion in the Little Hulton colliery of the Hulton Colliery company, which is located a little distance outside this city.

The explosion occurred early in the morning, soon after the miners had entered the pit to begin work. Its force was terrific and later investigation showed that the lower passages had been blocked. Heroic efforts were made by rescue parties all day long, but a fierce fire which followed the explosion prevented the rescuers from penetrating beyond 400 yards into the workings.

At night all the rescuers were called out of the mine and a conference held, at which Government Inspector Gerard, the engineers and the mine manager were present. Inspector Gerard issued a report after making a descent into the pit, in which he stated it was impossible that any of the miners are still alive. His conclusion was that nothing could be done except to bring up twenty bodies found lying near the shaft.

This report was communicated to the crowds around the pit mouth, after which the bishop of Manchester conducted a touching service in the open air and the people slowly dispersed.

Machinery Disabled.

The explosion resulted in the temporary disablement of the machinery whereby the cages are lowered and some time elapsed before the first rescue party could reach the bottom of the pit. Eight men in all were rescued, but the majority of these were in a serious condition from the noxious gases. Ten bodies also were removed and twenty more were found partly covered by heavy falls of coal.

Late at night the colliers fans were again started and the air was found to be fairly good. Arrangements were made for relays of rescuers to go into the mine every three hours throughout the night. Towards midnight two more miners were found alive. They were terribly burned and are in a critical condition.

It was announced that forty bodies had been collected at the bottom of the shaft and will be brought up as soon as possible. A flicker of hope still animates the rescuers that more men may be found alive. Doctors, nurses and ambulances are on the scene and relatives, mostly women, are lingering in the vicinity.

Among the incidents was the death of a rescuer, anxious to reach his two sons, who were entombed, who got in advance of his comrades and forfeited his life.

The king has sent a touching message of sympathy.

CHOLERA SUSPECTS FREE

Quarantine Raised on Settlement in
Wisconsin.

Cumberland, Wis., Dec. 22.—The quarantine on the Russian settlement in the town of Almenna, which had been strictly enforced for two weeks, has been raised and Gottlieb Jaenske, the Russian emigrant, suspected of having cholera, was released, as also were the five emigrants who accompanied Jaenske to this country from Taganra, a cholera infested village in Russia.

One of the emigrants broke quarantine and escaped to northern logging camps over a week ago. Jaenske was very ill upon his arrival at Almenna and the entire colony was quarantined upon instructions from the Wisconsin board of health.

A United States medical inspector visited the sick man, but was unable to say whether Jaenske had cholera or not until the germ he took with him were analyzed and a report made. Not hearing from the federal physician, and as Jaenske had entirely recovered, physicians decided there was no further danger and raised the quarantine.

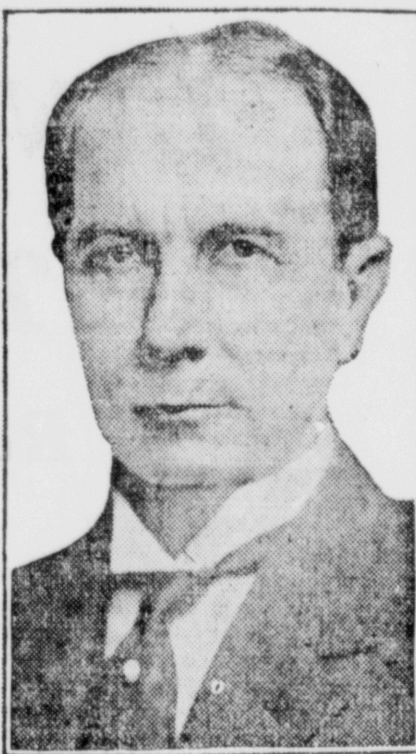
Iron Merchant Drops Dead.

Milwaukee, Dec. 22.—E. N. Dickson, formerly a high official of the Allis-Chalmers company and president of the Dickinson Malleable Iron company, dropped dead on the street. He was a son-in-law of Captain I. M. Bean, who died recently and who was one of the best known iron men in the Northwest.

Bound Over to Grand Jury.

Duluth, Dec. 22.—Andrew Thompson, who is accused of killing Andrew Carlson in a fight in a room at the Nicolet hotel, waived examination and was bound over to the next grand jury. He was charged with manslaughter in the second degree.

ROBERT S. LOVETT.

Railroad Man Favors Federal
Supervision of Railroad Rates.

LOVETT GIVES HIS VIEWS

Favors Federal Supervision of Rail-
road Rates.

New York, Dec. 22.—Robert S. Lovett, successor to Edward H. Harriman as president of the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific railroads, told the railroad securities commission that he was heartily in favor of federal supervision of rates, both intrastate and interstate, but that he questioned the wisdom or the necessity of federal laws to govern the issue of railroad securities.

As a railroad executive he did not oppose government regulation of stock issues, but he did insist that if regulation is to come the authorities charged to enact it be vested with full power to enforce it.

The present status of the railroads was bad, he said, among the conflicting state laws, and a further conflict of state laws and federal laws was a possibility from which he hoped to be delivered.

The relation of rates and capitalization and of the public to both was the gist of Judge Lovett's testimony. He said rates had little connection with dividends in actual practice and he did not see why the government should have any concern over what sort of railroad securities the public bought.

SITUATION APPEARS
TO BE VERY SERIOUSEnginemen Are Likely to Go
Out on Strike.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Whether there will be peace or whether the country will be plunged into a gigantic railroad strike will depend upon the outcome of federal mediation conferences to be held today between the locomotive engineers' representatives and the general managers of sixty-one Western railroads. The situation has reached an acute stage and a break was averted only by dint of hard pleading on the part of United States Labor Commissioner Charles P. Neill, who begged that he might be given one more chance to argue the matter with the railroad officials.

Mr. Neill held prolonged conferences with the managers and the reply will be delivered to the engineers' committee today. Upon that reply depends the outcome of the dispute.

Grand Chief Warren S. Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the members of his committee were promised that the answer would be final. Following a conference with the engineers' committee at the Auditorium hotel Commissioner Neill assured the railroad officials yielded on some of the disputed points he would terminate his mediation efforts today.

In response to a telegram sent out by Grand Chief Stone most of the members of the brotherhood's advisory board arrived in Chicago and went into conference with the leaders. The coming of the board is regarded as a preparation for war, as its sanction is required for the calling of a strike.

After five days of federal mediation conferences carried on by Commissioner Neill practically nothing has been accomplished in the way of bringing both sides together. Each side remains firm on its original position and no argument advanced by Mr. Neill has made the slightest progress.

Call Story "All Bunk."

St. Paul, Dec. 22.—"All bunk" is the answer friends of Governor Eberhart and Senator Clapp in St. Paul give when questioned regarding the story sent from Washington that the governor, who is now in the East, is ambitious to go to the senate and may try to get there by defeating Senator Clapp this winter.

A Waterfall in the Air.

On the road to the Pail from Honolulu, in Hawaii, is a waterfall that never reaches land. A thread of water leaps from the cliff a thousand feet in the air, but before it can gather force and carry itself to the bottom of the declivity the hungry northwest wind, hurrying through the pass, picks up the streamlet and wafts it away in mist.—New York World.

CONGRESS WILL
REST TWO WEEKSHoliday Recess of Lawmakers
Ends Jan. 5.

WAR SCARE DOES NOT SCARE

Congress Not Greatly Impressed by
Stories of Danger Told to Get Appro-
priations of \$30,000,000—Tariff Board
to Be Permanent—Cannon Tells of
Spankings He Has Received.

By ARTHUR W. DUNN.

Washington, Dec. 22.—[Special.]—Congress will take just two weeks for the holidays, adjourning Dec. 21 and reconvening Thursday, Jan. 5. If there were a prime necessity to pass legislation perhaps the recess would be curtailed, but there is not any great desire to push things vigorously outside of the appropriation bills.

One reason for taking so long a recess is that members have shown no disposition to make long speeches or indulge in very much talk. Business rather than politics seems to engage their attention, and under these conditions there is no danger of the wheels becoming clogged.

The War Scare.

Much has been said about the defenseless condition of the United States, and General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, who has been promoting the talk, had to explain to the military committee what it all meant. It was shown that the war talk men have a scheme to put the country in a formidable position, but it would cost \$30,000,000, to be expended at once.

It also appeared by answers of Wood to questions that there are 186 military posts occupied by our very small army, but he admitted half of them were useless and should be abandoned. He said the troops should be concentrated in large posts, where they could drill and teach the national guard.

"Why do you have your big posts in Kansas and Wyoming," asked Congressman Stevens of Minnesota, "when the big bodies of the national guard are in New York, Pennsylvania and other large and populous states?"

Of course General Wood could say that he was not responsible for that condition of things, but it is a fact that our military organization has been mismanaged when the present situation is considered. At the same time congress is not going to be stampeded into voting a large sum for our national defense. The opinion too generally prevails that no nation wants to go to war with us, and if one did there is strength enough in the country to repel it.

Permanent Tariff Board.

There may not be a tariff commission, but the probabilities are that the present tariff board will be provided for in a definite manner which will continue its existence even if the next congress should refuse to make an appropriation for it.

Here is a curious feature of legislation, and it is like the creation of the commerce court: Not 10 per cent of the men in congress wanted the commerce court, but it went into the bill and became a law. Probably not more than 25 per cent of congress wants the tariff board made a permanent commission, but it will go through.

The power of a president is very great when exerted to its utmost. Of course there was big patronage behind the commerce court, and the same is true in regard to the tariff board. And nothing is quite as powerful in congress as a president with patronage.

Uncle Joe "Jollies" Payne.

For some time Chairman Payne of the ways and means committee stood out against a permanent tariff board, but was finally persuaded. The day following his visit to the White House, when he came into line, the papers announced that the president had brought him to time with firm language. After the house adjourned Speaker Cannon went down into the area and mingled with the members. He was leaning against the clerk's desk when Payne came down the aisle and stopped in front of him.

"Oh, Payne, you wicked devil!" exclaimed Uncle Joe. "I see the president has spanked you!" Only he did not use exactly that language.

"Oh, yes—in the newspapers," replied Payne.

"Well, I get spanked by somebody every day," said the speaker, "and I'm getting used to it."

Not Talking Politics.

Those who expected that the Democrats would seize upon the first opportunity that came to gloat over their recent victory and precipitate a warm political discussion have been disappointed.

"The fact is they have troubles of their own to face," remarked Congressman Madden of Illinois. "They know that it is not only in the organization of the house and the selection of their committees that they will have trouble, but the tariff is going to be a hard subject for them."

About once a year the 30,000 government clerks are jolted by the higher officials with a proposition of some kind to lengthen the hours of duty. It may be one to curtail their annual leave or sick leave or add half an hour to the day, but it is sufficient to raise a storm of protest. And only last summer President Taft said everybody ought to have a two months' vacation.

Bookcases.

Bookcases should not be placed against outside walls on account of the probable dampness.

GILBERT M. HITCHCOCK.

Would Air Ballinger-
Pinchot Case in House.

MAY BE AIRED IN THE HOUSE

Hitchcock Anxious to Discuss Ballin-
ger-Pinchot Case.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Ballinger-Pinchot case will be aired in the house when congress reassembles after the holidays if Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska has his way about it. Mr. Hitchcock introduced a resolution proposing a special rule for the consideration of the three reports on the case made by the Nelson committee on inquiry.

It provides that the merits of these reports shall be discussed for five hours, the time to be equally divided between the supporters and the opponents of the report signed by Senators Nelson, Root, Sutherland and Flint and Representatives Denby, McCall and Olmstead.

The resolution provides for a vote first on the minority report signed by the Democratic members of the committee. If this report is rejected by the house the resolution directs that a vote shall be taken on the "views" of the case submitted by Representative Madison, the Kansas progressive. Should the house refuse to endorse Mr. Madison's conclusions, then, the resolution provides, a vote on the majority report shall be in order.

As things now stand there is no way by which the Ballinger-Pinchot reports can be acted on in the house. The resolutions creating the committee on inquiry authorized an investigation and report, but made no provision for action by either house on the conclusions reached. The Democrats and some of the progressives are insistent that the senate and house shall adopt as their own verdict one of the reports submitted.

Members of the committee of inquiry declare that no useful purpose would be served through the acceptance by the house and the senate of any of the reports made. Accordingly they are opposed to action such as is contemplated in the Hitchcock resolution.

SEVEN TAINTED
VOTES WERE CASTSenator Frazier Says Lorimer
Was Not Properly Elected.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Senator Frazier's statement on the Lorimer case was made public here. It follows in part: "It is with great reluctance that I differ with my colleagues on the subcommittee, but feeling impelled to do so, I beg leave to state briefly my views and conclusions in this case."

"While there are some facts and communications in this case tending to show Senator Lorimer may have heard of or knew that corrupt practices were being resorted to, and while Senator Lorimer failed to avail himself of the opportunity of going on the stand as a witness, and denying any such knowledge or sanction of corruption, if any were being practiced, still I am of the opinion the testimony falls to establish the fact that Senator Lorimer was himself guilty of bribery or other corrupt practices or that he sanctioned or was cognizant of the fact that bribery or other corrupt practices were being used by others to influence votes for him."

Sensor Frazier says there were seven "tainted" votes cast for Lorimer and if they were eliminated he would have received less than a majority of the votes cast by the Illinois legislature. The senate committee held that Lorimer was entitled to hold his seat in the United States senate.

Fractures Bones and Is Scalded.
Marshalltown, Ia., Dec. 22.—While carrying a kettle full of boiling water at her home in Dillon, Mrs. John Hanks, aged eighty-three, was struck with an attack of heart failure and fell. The water ran over her hip and arm scalding them terribly, and in falling two of her ribs were broken by hitting the corner of a stove. Because of her age it is believed she cannot survive.

Gaston Withdraws.

Boston, Dec. 22.—Colonel William A. Gaston announced his withdrawal as a Democratic candidate to succeed United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge.

POLICEMEN AND
FIREMEN BURIED

BOARD ASKS FOR MORE POWER

Increased Jurisdiction Recommended
to South Dakota Governor.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 22.—With the biennial meeting of the legislature only about two weeks away, residents of South Dakota will be interested in the nature of recommendations just made to Governor Vessey by the state board of railroad commissioners in reference to express, freight and passenger rates.

The efforts of the commissioners to make a complete schedule of rates for the transportation of express were futile, for the reason that in the actions instituted against the board by the several express companies it was held that the railroad commissioners had no authority under the statute to make a complete schedule of express rates, and that the statute did not apply to the Wells-Fargo Express company. In its recommendations to the governor the board says:

"It is desirable that full and complete jurisdiction be conferred upon the board of railroad commissioners to regulate express companies and make schedules of rates for them, and in order that this may be accomplished, this board recommends that the general act regulating common carriers—sections 431-479 of the political code—be amended to as to include express companies within its provisions."

The board has no authority to make joint rates except upon complaint of some person interested, and then only is the board authorized to make individual joint rates and not a general order or schedule fixing joint rates for the entire state. Neither has the board authority to make joint rates of its own motion.

It therefore is recommended by the board in its communication to the governor that the statute be so amended as to confer upon the board authority to make a complete schedule of joint rates or a general order fixing joint rates for the entire state upon its own initiative and without complaint of any person.

TEACHERS ASK PENSION LAW

Campaign Among Wisconsin Legis-
lators Started for New Bill.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 22.—Wisconsin teachers have started a campaign for the passage of a new teachers' pension law. A law passed by both houses of the last legislature was vetoed by Governor Davidson because of constitutional defects. Senator Otto Bossard of La Crosse will present a bill permitting hotel proprietors to arrest "deadbeats" without the formality of a warrant and a bill framed by druggists striking from the state law the requirement that druggists in "wet" towns must keep a record of persons buying whisky.

PROMISES EARLY DECISION

Commerce Commission to Pass on
Pending Rate Cases.

Washington, Dec. 22.—In its twenty-fourth annual report just submitted to congress the interstate commerce commission gives particular prominence to the consideration of the Eastern and Western freight rate cases, which now are pending before the commission. The cases have been assigned for argument on Jan. 9, 1911, and succeeding days and the commission will announce its decision at the earliest possible date thereafter.

Building Site at Milbank.
Washington, Dec. 21.—Senator Gamble has introduced a bill appropriating \$10,000 for the purchase of a public building site at Milbank, S. D.

GRAIN AND PROVISION PRICES

Minneapolis Wheat.

Minneapolis, Dec. 21.—Wheat—Dec., \$1.04½; May, \$1.03; July, \$1.03½. On track—No. 1 hard, \$1.02½; No. 1 Northern, \$1.02; No. 2 Northern, \$1.01½; No. 3 Northern, \$1.01.

Duluth Wheat and Flax.

Duluth, Dec. 21.—Wheat—To arrive and on track—No. 1 hard, \$1.02½; No. 1 Northern, \$1.01½; No. 2 Northern, \$1.01; No. 3 Northern, \$1.00½. Flax—On track, to arrive and Dec., \$2.33; May, \$2.39.

St. Paul Live Stock.

St. Paul, Dec. 21.—Cattle—Good to choice steers, \$5.00@5.50; fair to good, \$4.25@4.75; good to choice cows and heifers, \$3.75@4.50; veals, \$6.00@7.00. Hogs—\$7.00@7.70. Sheep—Wethers, \$3.00@4.00; yearlings, \$4.00@4.50; spring lambs, \$5.00@6.00.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Wheat—Dec., 91½@91¾; May, 95½@95¾; July, 92½@92¾. Corn—Dec., 45c; May, 47c; July, 48c. Oats—Dec., 31½@31¾; May, 34c; July, 33c. Pork—Jan., \$20.00; May, \$18.85. Butter—Creameries, 23@29c; dairies, 21@25c. Eggs—19½@31c. Poultry—Turkeys, 17@21c; chickens, 10@11c; springs, 10c.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Cattle—Beeves \$4.65@7.30; Texas steers, \$4.25@5.30; Western steers, \$4.10@6.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.45@5.80; cows and heifers, \$2.50@6.25; calves, \$7.25@9.25. Hogs—Light, \$7.50@7.85; mixed, \$7.55@7.90; heavy, \$7.50@7.85; rough, \$7.50@7.60; good to choice veal, \$7.60@7.85; pigs, \$7.10@7.85. Sheep—Native, \$2.60@4.40; yearlings, \$4.75@6.00; lambs, \$4.50@6.70.

Fifteen Officers Crushed Beneath
Falling Wall.

DOZEN FIREMEN MEET DEATH

Perish in Fire That Destroys a Fac-
tory Building in Philadelphia—Fati-
talties Occur While Flames Are
Being Fought From Roofs of Ad-
joining Dwelling Houses.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—The north wall of the D. Friedlander leather factory has fallen, burying fifteen policemen who were at work in the ruins. Assistant Foreman Calabre is among the dead. His body and that of another fireman, as yet unidentified, have just been removed from the ruins.

Twelve firemen are thought to have lost their lives in the fire which destroyed the D. Friedlander five-story factory building. More than a score of others have been taken to hospitals and it is estimated that at least twelve are still in the ruins of the structure.

Of those taken to the hospitals half a dozen have fractured skulls and other injuries. Their chances of recovery are slight.

It was first reported that Chief Baxter of the fire department was among those still in the ruins, but while he was injured he escaped being carried down by the falling walls. The fatalities occurred while the firemen were fighting the flames from the roofs of adjoining dwelling houses. The south wall of the big building crashed down upon them at a time when there were at least thirty-five men on the roofs. Twelve were able to extricate themselves from the mass of bricks and twisted iron girders, but it is thought twenty-one men are still in the ruins. Some of the buried men are able to call to their brother firemen, who are bending every effort to rescue them.

Wall Threatened to Fall.
The north wall of the burned structure threatened to fall at any moment.

Patrick Carroll and George Slinnisky of Engine Company No. 7 are among the killed. They were on a ladder leaning against the south wall when it collapsed.

William Glazier of Engine Company No. 6 was in the ruins alive. He was able to make himself heard by rescuers, who worked frantically to release the entombed men, and told them he was lying on top of Charles Erdman, another member of No. 6, and that Erdman was undoubtedly dead. The fire is still burning fiercely. Glazier finally was rescued from beneath the debris in an almost frozen condition. Erdman, whose body was beneath Glazier, was frozen stiff. Ice had caked on his face, forming a perfect mask.

John Carroll of Engine Company No. 7, and Harry Deberlet of Chemical Engine No. 2, are both alive in the ruins. The men are calling to the rescuers and directing them in the removal of the girders that pinion them.

Three hundred policemen endeavored to tear down the north wall so that it would not fall in upon the men who are yet in the ruins.

FILES NINE COMPLAINTS

Government After Alleged Customs
Dodgers.

New York, Dec. 22.—The federal government filed nine complaints here against Duveen Bros., the international art dealers, in a series of civil forfeiture suits aggregating approximately \$600,000.

The suits are a sequel to the arrest in October of several members of the firm on charges of gross undervaluation of imports.

The goods involved are all under seizure. The government also has the right to sue for the forfeiture of all goods sold by the Duveens and now in possession of their customers in cases where it is shown that there was any defect in the payment of duty. No such action has yet been brought, but it may be expected.

The Duveen Bros.' list of customers includes a number of the wealthiest and best known connoisseurs of the country. The prosecution said it will take every legal step to recover from those who have benefited either directly or indirectly by the alleged frauds, which the government estimates at \$5,000,000.

Clapp Calls at White House.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Senator Clapp called at the White House for the first time since he got off the administration reservation a year or more ago. Washington correspondents were unable to ascertain the purpose or result of Senator Clapp's visit.

Not Seeing, Not Believing.

There was a man in Nottinghamshire who discontinued the donation he had regularly made for a time to a missionary society. When asked as to his reasons he replied: "Well, I've traveled a bit in my time. I've been as far as Sleanford, in Lincolnshire, and I never saw a black man, and I don't believe there are any."—London Standard.

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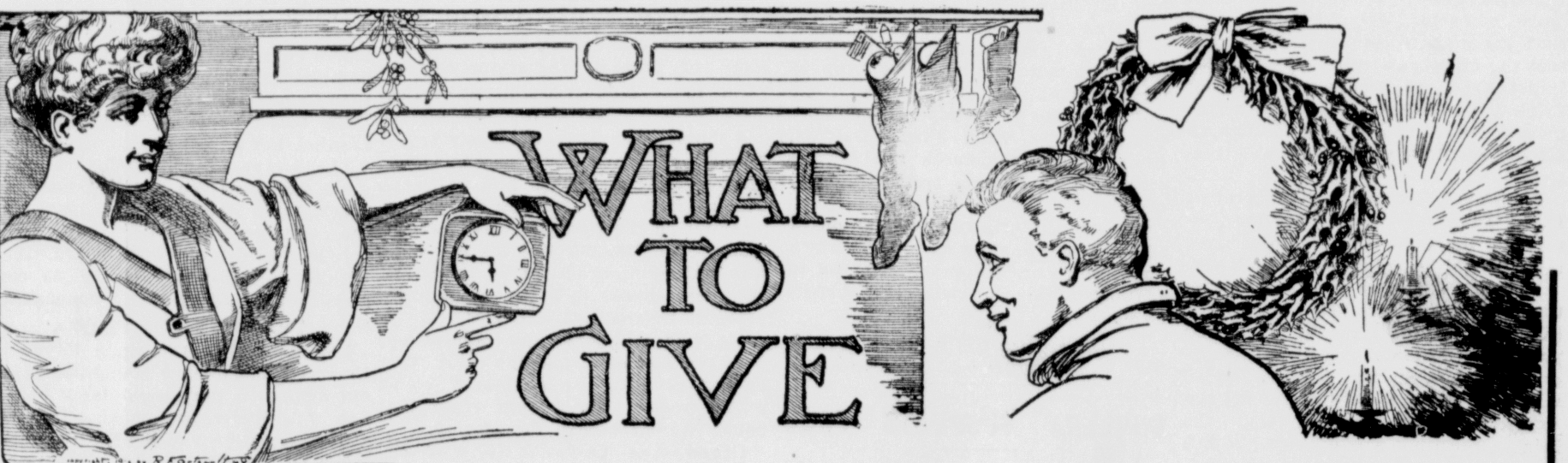
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LOCAL NEWS NOTESMiss Ruby Hanson, of Northeast
Brainerd, is very sick.Mrs. F. W. Dennis has recovered
from her recent sickness.J. B. Elder returned from the twin
cities on last night's train.

Plain sewing done by the day.. 1124

S. 6th, Mrs. Eva Skinner. 171tf

The trains are pretty well loaded
with travelers these days.Miss Lillian Schwartzkopf recent-
ly visited Miss De Ette Rose.Holly tissue wrapping paper at
H. P. Dunn's. 171tfJ. A. Erickson went to Little Falls
this afternoon and will return to-
night.Special sale of hats, suitable for
Christmas presents, at Mrs. The-
viot's. 172tfFritz Doepeke, who is working in
Chicago, will visit Brainerd during
the holidays.The residence of Patrolman Bar-
ney is being repaired by Contractor
C. B. Rowley.Store your stoves and household
goods with D. M. Clark & Co. 110tfMrs. Nettie Larson, of Jamestown,
N. D., is visiting Mrs. J. Johnson, of
308 Second Ave.Claus Theorin, deputy sheriff is out
again after having been somewhat ill
for the past two weeks.Fancy mixed nuts, 15 cent per
pound. O'Brien Mercantile Co.E. E. Calkins, of the freight de-
partment of the N. P., left for Sauk
Centre to spend the holidays.Beautiful line of package per-
fumes at H. P. Dunn's. 141tfA. L. Johnson, of St. Paul, came up
from that city and was driven to Flak
to stay a week with relatives.D. M. Clark & Co. have just had
a fine new undertaking wagon
shipped to their establishment.Neat pocket manure sets at H.
P. Dunn's. 171tfMildred Farwell came in on the M.
& I. train from Pine River today to
which place she had been visiting.No home is complete without a
Porter water color. For sale by
Miss Marie Canan. 169tfGeorge Gardner came down from
Park Rapids yesterday to spend his
Christmas holidays with his folks.Guaranteed fountain pens for
your friend at H. P. Dunn's. 171tfLarge crowds of shoppers came in
from Deerwood, Crow Wing, Ft. Rip-
ley and down on the M. & I. today.New line of card cases just re-
ceived at H. P. Dunn's. 171tfB. B. Gaylord, of the firm of Gay-
lord & Guith, came up from Minne-
apolis today and went to Deerwood.Freeman Thorp, artist and agri-
culturist, came down from his villa at
Hubert today, returning this after-
noon.Modern plumbing and heating,
water and sewer connections, at
lowest prices. Get our estimates.
D. M. Clark & Co. 110tfMiss Helen Smith came up from
Minneapolis on the noon train to
spend Christmas with her folks on
4th Ave., N. E.Mrs. Ed. Anderson returned today
from Braham and the twin cities at
which places she has spent the past
week with relatives.Choicest bon bons, in pound boxes,
49 cent candy at the special price of
25 cents this week. O'Brien Mer-
cantile Co. 170tfUncle Sam's substitute mail car-
riers are all at work today. The mail
coming into and going out of the
city is large in volume.Bibles, hymnals, rosaries, Catho-
lic and Episcopal prayer books at
H. P. Dunn's. 171tfMrs. T. B. Reber who has been
stopping with her daughter, Mrs.
Geo. Ridley of this city, left for Ait-
kin on the afternoon train.It is said that wedding bells are
due to ring out next week in North-
east Brainerd. We saw the dress-
maker at work, which is a sure signGenuine re-mark etchings, "Re-
bekah at the Well," "Porthos, Athos
and D'Artigan," etc., at Marie Canan-
an's. 169tfSheriff Reid with several deputies
went to Crosby, Cuyuna and Deer-
wood to close some questionable
places which had been complained of.Christmas stationery in great var-
ety, at H. P. Dunn's. 171tfMrs. Emma Warsch, of Dubuque,
Iowa, who has been the guest of Miss
Selma Woerner, has returned home
after enjoying a most pleasant visit.John Larson is local agent for
Stott Briquets, a new and very eco-
nomical fuel. A car load has just
arrived. Send in an order and try
it. 158tfThe Misses Maud Cullen, Evelyn
Storm and Amy Gilbertson returned
last night from the Duluth Normal
school to spend the holidays in the
city.The finest line of cut glass in the
city can be found at Burnett's. It
makes a most acceptable Christmas
present. 169tfOf the entire teaching force of the
city schools, over two-thirds of them
have their homes elsewhere, and all
are spending their Christmas holidays
out of town.Package perfumes make a suitable
Xmas gifts. A beautiful line at H.
P. Dunn's. 171tfMrs. J. F. Smart, wife of the county
auditor, has successfully under-
gone an operation for appendicitis at
the St. Joseph's hospital and is slowly
improving.Christmas seals and holly boxes
at H. P. Dunn's. 171tfC. A. Russell, of Superior, Wis., is
at present in the city and at work
looking over land titles. He expects
his duties along this line to keep him
for several weeks.D. M. Clark & Co., the oldest in-
stallation house in the city. Es-
tablished 28 years. Goods sold on
easy terms. 110tfMcColl certainly has a fine line of
carving sets. 1tThe funeral of Mrs. Leslie Jack, of
Crow Wing, was solemnized at her
home today, the funeral cortege com-
ing to this city with interment at
Evergreen cemetery.The essence of refinement is pro-
duced in the beautiful Nutting
water colors, marine and landscape
subjects, at Marie Canan's. 169tfThe First Congregational Sunday
school gave their Christmas program
and distribution of sweets, ice cream
and cake at the church last evening.
A large crowd was present.A full line of oval, circle and
square frames in the 24 carat gold
plate. At Marie Canan's. 169tfBrainerd Council, No. 42, of the
Modern Samaritans, will meet to-
night at McNamara's store for the
election of officers and other business.
The meeting is called for 7:45.Large line of children's books and
games at H. P. Dunn's. 171tfIn purchasing Christmas Red
Cross Seals they should be used and
not hoarded away. Paste them on
your letters and parcels. They
should be used now and not saved.Order your ice cream now at Mc-
Coll's. 1tF. J. Swanson, for the past seven
years a resident of Edmonton, Al-
berta, arrived in the city yesterday
to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.
P. Swanson, at 623 3rd Ave. N. E.Frank and Gust Johnson, of Sol-
way, Minnesota, Gus, Otto, Adolph
and Oscar Larson, of St. Paul, came
up this noon to attend the funeral
of their sister, Mrs. Ella Carlson.Vacco bottles for keeping liquids
hot or cold. Serves the same pur-
pose as the Thermos bottle, only \$1.
at H. P. Dunn's. 171tfMrs. E. W. Kaley, of St. Paul,
mother of Mrs. F. W. Wieland, who
has been staying at her daughter's
residence for the past few days re-
turned to her home this afternoon.All sorts of desirable Christmas
novelties in decorated China ware
and cut glass at Burnett's. See
them before buying your Christmas
presents. 169tfMiss Anna Carlson, of Portland,
Ore., formerly of this city, came in
from the west this afternoon to spend
the Christmas holidays with her par-
ents who reside at 1323 Pine street,
Southeast.Get a free copy of our new maga-
zine catalogue. McColl's. 1tThe Rev. E. K. Copper, of Duluth,
formerly of this city, will conduct the
quarterly conference of the church
tonight at 7:45. Dr. Copper is su-
perintendent of the Duluth district of
the Methodist Episcopal church.Oxydized art steel office baskets,
with letter tray to match, only at
McColl's. 1tCharles E. Warren left on the af-
ternoon M. & I. train for Walker.
On Christmas day he will be mar-
ried to Miss May Snell of that city.
Returning they will reside in Mr.
Warren's cozy new home on South
Sixth street.Handsome line of new and up to
date toilet sets, at H. P. Dunn's.last respects. Rev. A. E. Boquist, of
the Swedish Mission church was the
officiating clergyman.McColl has the finest lot of carv-
ing sets I ever saw. 1tSamuel Don L. Bacon, of Pillager,
is at the St. Joseph's hospital conval-
escing from a recent operation. His
parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Bacon,
of Pillager, came down to pay him a
visit today and are being entertained
at the residence of their daughter,
Mrs. W. E. Brockway, 923 Fir street.Perfumes in fancy baskets and
boxes, at McColl's. 1tCalendars, Christmas cards and
booklets in every design, at H. P.
Dunn's. 171tfM. Hospal Clark, formerly of Sta-
ples, in the employ of the N. P. of-
fices there, but now a millionaire,
made rich by a rich strike of coal in
Alaska, came up from Ft. Ripley to-
day with J. J. Tucker, and went to
Deerwood. J. J. Tucker, of Ft. Rip-
ley, remained here to transact busi-
ness. 169tfMiss Adelaide Steele, of New York
City, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Geo.
Forsythe, Sr. Miss Steele always en-
joys her visit in Brainerd. What she
liked best in our city was the instal-
lation of the street lamps. It gives
Brainerd a very metropolitan ap-
pearance.Before buying your Christmas pres-
ents, see Burnett's stock of diamonds,
jewelry, silverware, cut glass and
other goods suitable for Christmas
gifts. 169tfDeputy Game Warden Onstine
came down on the M. & I. after hav-
ing made a sojourn for the past two
days in and around Woman's Lake.
(Continued on page six)**CHRISTMAS AT WHITE BROS.**For the week commencing **December 19** we offer an immense line of **Table
Plated Ware**, at **25 per cent off**. For that week only.**The following** and many other items at the lowest possible prices. Shot
Guns, Rifles, Sporting Goods, Skates, Skies, Hand Sleds, Coasters, Razors and
Scissors. The only line of decorated Enamel Ware in the City. Come in, no
trouble to show you.**White Brothers.****616 Laurel Street.****Brainerd, Minn.****"The Store of Quality"****Where Fashion Reigns****Brainerd's Best Christmas Store****Glove Bonds**—An ideal manner of giving—\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75
and \$2.50—Make a nice gift and you have no worry as to size. We take
care of all details.**Merchandise Certificates**—from our store will make any one hap-
py. The recipient can make selections from any department in our store.
We issue the certificates in any amount desired and they may be re-
deemed by the holder at any time. You can make no mistake with this
gift.We surely have the styles. No finer display of Xmas Gifts was ever shown in Brainerd, and, if our
prices don't prove to you the best values in this city, then we've met a rare exception.A visit to this cheerful store costs nothing. A ten minute inspection of our latest novelties, shown only
by this exclusive shop, will set you thinking. It may mean much to you in the way of valuable information.
We never saw a more beautiful display. We know you will visit this exclusive shop. Don't feel under the
least obligation to buy when you come in but COME IN the very next time you are down town. There's no
telling what those little seeds of welcome grow into. You know how it is yourself.**THE BIG STORE THAT SERVES YOU BEST****The Geo. F. Murphy Co.**

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
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ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

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Place Your Orders
for
Flowers, Fruits, Nuts
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NOW
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612 FRONT STREET

What Shall I Buy For Christmas

Every year, at this season, millions of Americans open their hearts and pocket-books in Christmas giving. The question most asked will not be "How much shall I give?" but "What shall it be?" As an aid to gift buying The Brainerd Dispatch has asked a number of the merchants to describe some appropriate present and we have classified their announcements below. This list will save our readers in over 3,000 homes the usual worry—"What can I get that I did not think of last year, and different for each family. KEEP THIS PAGE.

Christmas Specialties

MANN'S Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Cucumbers, Celery, Radishes, New Carrots, New Beets, Hot House Tomatoes, Parsley, Lettuce, Naval Oranges, all sizes, Grape Fruit, Jumbo Bananas, Cranberries, Malaga Grapes, Table Apples

Nuts and Candies—California soft shell Walnuts, Brazils, Pecans, Filberts, Almonds, Mixed Nuts, Imported Layer Raisins, Gloriettes, Pressed Figs, New Dates, Chocolate Creams 1 lb. and ½ lb. boxes, Old Time Mixed, French Creams and Paris Creams.

Pimiento Cheese, Requefort, McLearn's Imperial, Waukashu cheese, Fancy Brick and Full Cream cheese, Bar Le Duc Jelly, Queen Olives, Stuffed Olives, Eucherel Pickles, Maraschino Cherries, Marmalade, Bened Chicken, Asparagus Tips, Canned Spinach, Brandy Mince Meat.

Holly, Holly Wreathing and Evergreen Wreathing.

1911 Wall Paper Now Arriving

Wall Paper, Paints, Glass, Shades, Mouldings, Etc.
School Supplies and Christmas Goods on Display

716 Front St. **J. H. NOBLE** Brainerd, Minn.

LOSEY & DEAN Are Too Busy to Advertise

Come in and Browse Around

720 Front Street Brainerd, Minnesota

Go to WEST'S

For Your

CHRISTMAS DINNER

213 SOUTH SIXTH STREET

Al. J. LaLonde

CIGARS
BILLIARDS
AND POOL

210 South Seventh Street

FOR
APPROPRIATE
CHRISTMAS
PRESENTS
CALL
ON

JOHNSON'S PHARMACY

A nice line of Ladies' leather hand bags just received.

222 South 7th St.

Christmas Presents

For your husband, son or both, if he likes to hunt or fish. Read the list over and see what you think he would like to have.

A 28-gauge shotgun—\$6.00
A 20-gauge shotgun—\$6.00
A 22 repeating rifle—\$10.00 (Remington)
A 22 repeating rifle—\$8.00 (Stevens)
A jointed steel rod—\$3.00
A jointed steel rod—\$4.00
A trout basket—\$1.75
Marble hunting knife—\$3.00
Common hunting knife—\$1.25
Thermos Bottle, pint—\$3.00
Folding drinking cup—40c
Rubber drinking tubes—50c
Compasses from—25c to \$3.00
Duck calls—75c
Dog whips—75c
Dollar Watches—\$1.00 to \$2.25
Boxes of smoking tobacco from—10c to \$1.00
Pipes at all prices from—1c to \$10.00
Mention this add and I will give discount from above prices 5 per cent at

KING'S
Sporting Goods Store

PETERSON & BENSON Livery Feed and Sale Stable

Take your girl out for a drive. Good Rigs at reasonable Prices. Trusty Horses for ladies to drive.

224 South Fourth Street

Novelty Pictures and Frames (In all sizes)

Suitable for Christmas Gifts

at

MARIE A. CANAN'S

For—
FRESH APPLES,
ORANGES,
CANDIES,
MIXED NUTS,
and
FINE GROCERIES
Call on
C. H. TURNER & SONS
Prompt Deliveries Made
622 Laurel St.

FOR SALE—Second hand
Blickensderfer typewriter,
\$10. Hoffbauer, Dispatch.

BUY HIM A BOX OF

Schlange's Perfectos

FOR CHRISTMAS

For Hand Forged
FISH SPEARS
See
DREXLER

For CIGARS
TOBACCO, CONFECTIONERY
SCHOOL SUPPLIES and
CHRISTMAS TOYS
GO TO

MRS. ALMA LUNDMARK
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Start the NEW YEAR right by giving your wife a home for a Christmas present. Cash or easy payments. We have houses all over town.

E. C. BANE

City Property, Farm and Mineral Lands
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Christmas Trees, all sizes, 25c to \$2.50

A fresh stock of confectionery, groceries and bakery goods, cigars, tobacco, soft drinks and dry goods, notions.

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SPECIAL PRICES
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For
HOLIDAY
SEASON

WM. GRAHAM
210 South Sixth Street

BUY A HOME FROM Henry I. Cohen

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For everything needed in the line of groceries.

Fresh dairy butter our specialty.

318 South Sixth Street

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We will, as usual, have a fine

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and

PLANTS

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New Silks
Kid Gloves
Silk Petticoats
Bradley Mufflers
Full line Dress Skirts
Everything in Neckwear
Complete Line Table Linens
Everything in Furs at Reduced Prices

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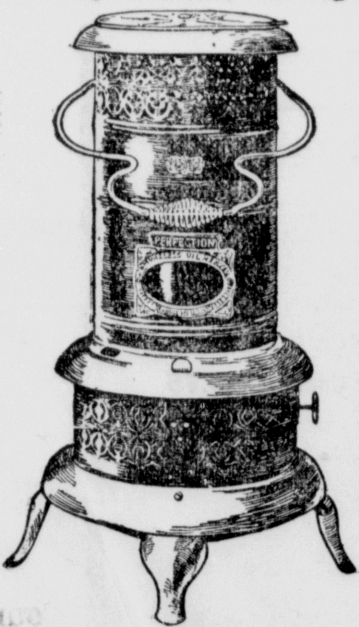
History of Cotton.
Prior to the middle of the eighteenth century cotton, so far as modern time is concerned, was practically unknown. It was grown only in the flower garden. When eight bags of the staple arrived in Liverpool in 1784 the custom house officers seized it on the ground that so much could not have been raised in America. In 1787 our first cotton mill was set in motion at Beverly, Mass. In 1793 Whitney invented the cotton gin, which rendered cotton raising profitable, and it soon became the leading crop of the south. The southern United States produces most of the cotton of the world and will in all probability continue for all time to hold a monopoly of the staple New York American.

A Phenomenon.
A handy word much misused is "phenomenon." The London Globe once heard a man explaining its meaning to a friend. He did it as follows: "Now, if you see a cow in a meadow," he said didactically, "that's not a phenomenon. It's a pretty animal and what not, but it ain't a phenomenon. And if you see a thistle in a meadow that ain't a phenomenon. Nor if you see a lark in the meadow that ain't a phenomenon. It's a pretty bird and what not, but it ain't a phenomenon. But if you was to see that cow sitting on that thistle and singing like that lark that would be a phenomenon." His friend said yes, he saw quite plainly now.

Avoid It Leave this tremendous alcohol question to your doctor. The danger is too great for you to decide alone. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a tonic, entirely free from alcohol. Take it or not, as your doctor directs. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

Temporary Heat Quickly

Did you ever stop to think of the many ways in which a perfect oil heater is of value? If you want to sleep with your window open in winter, you can get sufficient heat from an oil heater while you undress at night, and then turn it off. Apply a match in the morning, when you get out of bed, and you have heat while you dress. Those who have to eat an early breakfast before the stove is radiating heat can get immediate warmth from an oil heater, and then turn it off. The girl who practices on the piano in a cold room in the morning can have warmth from an oil heater while she plays, and then turn it off. The member of the family who has to walk the floor on a cold winter's night with a restless baby can get temporary heat with an oil heater, and then turn it off. The



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SMOKELESS
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Absolutely smokeless and odorless

is invaluable in its capacity of quickly giving heat. Apply a match and it is immediately at work. It will burn for nine hours without refilling. It is safe, smokeless and odorless. It has a damper top and a cool handle. An indicator always shows the amount of oil in the font.

It has an automatic-locking flame spreader which prevents the wick from being turned high enough to smoke, and is easy to remove and drop back so that the wick can be cleaned in an instant. The burner body or gallery cannot become wedged, and can be quickly unscrewed for reworking. Finished in Japan or nickel, strong, durable, well-made, built for service, and yet light and ornamental.

Dealers Everywhere. If not at yours, write for descriptive circular to the nearest agency of the

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STEALING A BATH

Adventure of a Trio of English Tourists in Germany.

A PRINCE AND A PRIVATE TUB

His Autocratic Highness Was Shamefully Ignored and Enraged, and His Luxurious Bath Was Shamefully Appropriated and Abused.

Parker, Wilks and I had been "doing" Germany on the cheap, and I don't know which of us enjoyed it least. Parker grumbled the most, but then he always did, and, though Wilks and I tried to look on the humorous side of things, we lost flesh over it. We had happened upon a heat wave and swallowed a tremendous lot of dust and flies thrown in gratis, cheap though our tariff was. But we couldn't swallow the foreign titles that cropped up around us. We had too much British pride for that. And, as luck would have it, at the last town of our tour we were quartered on the top floor of a hotel where a German prince occupied a suite of rooms. In our opinion three English tourists were worth more than thirty German princes, and we dropped our boots on the floor at night in the vain hope that he was underneath. But, alas, his suit was on the first floor, and we never even caught a glimpse of him, though once we heard his high pitched, arrogant, penetrating voice and the cozy fulsome rejoinders of his valet both articulating a language which Parker contemptuously described as "the limit."

It was the last morning of our stay. Parker and I had gone back to the hotel to pack our bags before departing for the station. The weather was hotter and dustier than ever, and Wilks, always energetic, had gone to the public bathing place on the river in search of a swim. I had a letter to write, and Parker wandered round the hotel to kill time. Presently he thrust his face in at the door. It had lost its familiar lowering look and wore a bright and alert expression.

"I say," he ejaculated mysteriously, almost under his breath, "I've just found a bathroom in this blighted hotel—bath full of tepid water, with a thermometer in it—clean, warmed towels on the rail, and all that. What shall I do?"

"Do!" I replied. "Get into it, man, and let me know when you've finished."

He wasn't long and came back looking wonderfully young and clean. The mail had just arrived and I had spent a few minutes over my letters before

I also found the bathroom, following his directions. It was without exception the best I have ever been in, and, to my surprise, the big porcelain bath was half full of tepid water, and a set of clean, newly warmed towels hung on the rail. I took what the gods gave and asked no questions, but I wanted more cold water and experimented unsuccessfully with various levers on the wall. As a last hope I attacked a cart wheel affair on the floor and after a stiff struggle managed to turn it. A flood of cold water gushed in along one side of the bath, and it was all I could do to wrench the wheel around and stop the flow. As I did so light came upon me in a flash. This was the prince's bath, prepared for him a second time by his obsequious valet. It was the glorious certainty of the fact that made me enjoy that bath as I have never enjoyed a bath before or since. The cheap English tourists were one up on his serene highness, after all. Still, I admit, when I had finished tubbing I lost no time in getting back to the fourth floor again. I told Parker the great news, and we were just discussing it with rapture when Wilks came in, looking supremely dejected for the first time on the tour.

"The bathing place isn't open," he snarled. "Had all the fag of going there for nothing. What dirty beggars they are!"

"Not all of them," I replied. "Don't you worry, old chap." And I described to him the position of the bathroom, and he was off like a hare. During his absence we thoughtfully packed our own bags and his. In ten minutes he returned, fresh as a mountain daisy and bubbling over with gratitude.

"What sort of bath did you get?" I asked carelessly.

"A clunker," he cried, "and it was all put ready for me, clean towels and everything. The only difficulty I had was with the cold water wheel arrangement on the floor."

"It was a bit stiff," I agreed.

"It turned on all right," said Wilks, "but I couldn't turn it off."

"What did you do?" we asked together.

"I left it," he answered simply.

"What time are we due at the station?" said Parker.

"Now," I replied, and we took our bags and went.

As we descended the stairs with studied calmness we heard electric bells continuously ringing on the first floor, a high pitched arrogant voice raised in anger, oozy, servile tones answering imploringly. We came upon the proprietor leaping up the stairs and a stream of water leaping down them, and a couple of hours afterward we crossed the border, with the secret satisfaction that we had "done" Germany at last.—London Punch.

A man is called selfish not for pursuing his own good, but for neglecting his neighbor's.—Whately.

IN A ROMAN CAB.

A Party of Disgusted Americans and an Overgrateful Driver.

In Mr. Howells' "Roman Holidays and Others" is this delightful story of an adventure in a Roman cab:

In returning from the Pincio the only cab we had been able to get was the last left of the very worst cabs in Rome, and we had bidden the driver wait for us at the church steps, not without some hope that he would play us false. But there he was, true to his word, with such disciplined fidelity as that of the Roman sentinels who used to die at their posts, and we mounted to ours with the muted prayer that we at least might reach home alive.

This did not seem probable when the driver whipped up his horse. It appeared to have aged and sickened while we were in the church, although we had thought it looked as bad as could be before, and it lurched alarmingly from side to side, recovering itself with a plunge of its heavy head away from the side in which its body was sinking.

The driver swayed in his box, having fallen equally decrepit, in spite of the restoratives he seemed to have applied for his years and infirmities. His clothes had put on some such effect of extreme decay as those of Rip Van Winkle in the third act; there was danger that he would fall on top of his falling horse and that their raiment would mingle in one scandalous ruin.

Via Sistina had never been so full of people before; never before had it been so long to that point where we were to turn out of it into the friendly obscurity of the little cross street which would bring us to our hotel. We could not consent to arrive in that form; we made the driver stop, and we got out and began overpaying him to release us.

But the more generously we overpaid him the more nobly he insisted upon serving us to our door.

At last, by such a lavish expenditure as ought richly to provide for the few remaining years of himself and his horse, we prevailed with him to let us go and reached our hotel glad, almost proud, to arrive on foot.

Cataract Cannot be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Cataract is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Cataract Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Cataract Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Cataract. Send for testimonial free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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Do It Now

Don't forget the old proverb, "A stitch in time saves nine". If you have any defective plumbing or heating have it attended to now before it is too late. We are always pleased to talk with you on any work you may have in our line and assure you that our prices are the lowest. All work absolutely guaranteed and given prompt attention. Remember the place. It is

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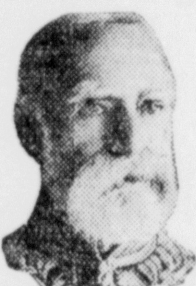
which the following are characteristic: "Death's nothing, but to live defeated and ingloriously is to die every day."

"If the note contains the word ultimatum," he writes to Talleyrand, "make him understand that that word means war; if the note does not contain it, get him to put it in on the ground that we must know where we are."

"Josephine is always afraid I may fall seriously in love; she doesn't realize that love was not made for me. For what is love? A passion that leaves the universe on one side, to place the loved one on the other. And surely such an exclusion is not in my character."

Perhaps most illuminating of all is the following extract: "Count Cobenzl and I met for our concluding session in a room where, according to Austrian custom, a dais had been installed with a chair of state representing that of the Austrian emperor. On entering I asked what this meant, and on being told I said to the Austrian minister, 'Come; before we begin you had better have that chair taken away, because I have never yet seen a chair set higher than others without immediately wanting to get into it.'"

James Bryce, British ambassador to the United States, has done many things of note, but none of such lasting importance as his work "The American Commonwealth," first published in 1888. It has been quoted and studied as one of the best accounts ever written of the political system and social conditions of the United States.



JAMES BRYCE.

So great was the book's popularity that various persons issued garbled reprints of the first and second editions which were not covered by the international copyright law. For this reason Mr. Bryce has issued a revised edition in which he embraces additional annotations on his earlier work and new chapters, which include "The Home of the Nation," descriptive of the territory constituting the United States; "The Latest Phase of the Immigration Question," "The Tammany Ring in New York City" and "Further Reflections on the Universities."

Mr. Bryce's term as ambassador at Washington and his nation wide popularity have given him increased opportunities for further studies at a time when the conventional brand of politics was engaged in a struggle for existence.

Many books have been written which were widely heralded as the American "Tom Brown at Rugby," but such honors nowadays are generally awarded to Owen Johnson and his characterization of life at the Lawrenceville (N. J.) school. The most pretentious of these sketches was the career at that institution of John Humphreys Stover in particular, and Hungry Smeed, the Triumphant Egghead, and others in general, under the title of "The Varsity."

Following the lead of Thomas Hughes, who took Tom Brown through Oxford and launched him on the real battle of life, Mr. Johnson is to write a more serious story of Dink Stover's development and take him through Yale, of which university Mr. Johnson is a graduate. Mr. Johnson believes that the democracy of college life is being threatened by the increase in wealth and the secret society system, and he intends having Stover fight these two "evils" and win out.

"I am a society man myself, and I have no intention of running down my alma mater, but I do not think that the fetish of secrecy makes for intellectual cowardice when it has got to the point that a young man trembles at the shadow of a fraternity house," says he.

"In my time a man who spent \$2,000 a year was regarded as very well off indeed, but now since the introduction of the automobile and all the other heretofore unknown student luxuries \$25,000 is not regarded as an especially large income for a young and irresponsible youth of some nineteen years."

NOT SORRY FOR BLUNDER
"If my friends hadn't blundered in thinking I was a doomed victim of consumption, I might not be alive now," writes D. T. Sanders, of Harrodsburg, Ky., "but for years they saw every attempt to cure a lung-racking cough fail. At last I tried Dr. King's New Discovery. The effect was wonderful. It soon stopped the cough and I am now in better health than I have had for years. This wonderful life-saver is an unrivaled remedy for coughs, colds, la-grippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhages, whooping cough or weak lungs. 50c \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists. tts

ANOTHER real American play by an American author has made an instantaneous hit in New York this winter—"The Nest Egg," with Zella Sears in its leading role. It was the consensus of the critics that Anne Caldwell's play, while it made no great claims, nevertheless rollicked with wit, philosophy and plenty of jolly fun as well.

Ever since "The Top o' the World" Miss Caldwell has been struggling for a dramatic foothold and has apparently succeeded in "The Nest Egg" and established Miss Sears as a star as well.

So many plays of the rural type have appeared and captivated audiences in every section of the country that to many it has appeared impossible for a playwright to again show the type of people represented in "The Old Homestead," "Shore Acres" and "York State Folks" without tiresome repetition. The critics think Miss Caldwell has done this.

Miss Sears takes the part of Hetty Gandy, the village dressmaker, who raises chickens on the side and sends the egg of one of them into the world with a poem attached. The egg was put in cold storage for three years, but finally a pure food crank received it and wrote the spinster, who thought he meant matrimony. His object, however, was to secure the verse writer as a witness in a suit against the egg candlers, but he married her just the same. Not only has Miss Caldwell used some conventional village types, but she has discovered new ones that ring true and witty. One is Pansy-Etta the orphan protegee of Miss Gandy, who is a moving picture fiend and tells graphically of seeing "Custard's Last Ride" and similar stirring historic events. This character is played by Ruth Wells, while Robert Dempster acts the cheery young boarder at the dressmaker's, Walter Young as the village tightwad and villain was another pronounced success.

Daniel Frohman has come forth as the advocate of a department of dramatics co-ordinate with those of law and medicine. In a letter to the Yale Daily News he argues that the stage has a great and growing influence on the life of the people; that knowledge of art, literature and human life is needed for the portrayal of each part, and that of ten the stage finds these combined in brilliant college men.

"How can we hope to have a stage worthy of this throbbing, thriving, growing country if we do not have a national school of histrionic art?" he asks. "How can we be content to see actors playing entirely according to their own whims without reference to the general effect?"

"It is not that I worship tradition to the exclusion of everything else. No artist who has real talent will ever become a mere echo or copy of some predecessor. But what our actors and actresses in America need to learn, talented as they are, is a feeling for the general effect."

Mr. Frohman added that he approved of the college dramatic organizations and found much to interest theatrical people in their productions.

Lulu Glaser is the star in another well received comic opera this year, "The Girl and the Kaiser," an adaptation of a three act operetta entitled "Die Forster Christl," which has achieved great popularity in German speaking countries. All the original music by Georg Jarne has been retained, embracing many Hungarian dance tunes of the type made famous by "The Merry Widow."

The plot hinges on a historical romance in which Christl, daughter of a forester, and Kaiser Josef II, of Austria are the principal figures. Christl while wandering in the woods meets the kaiser and, mistaking him for a poacher, berates him soundly.

The girl's sweetheart has been unjustly arrested as a deserter, and she decides to go to Vienna in order to intercede with the kaiser for his pardon. At court she meets the alleged poacher, continues her berations and then gives vent to much scathing criticism of the kaiser until she discovers that she is addressing the monarch himself.

Train Kills a Pioneer.
Sauk Center, Minn., Dec. 21.—Word has reached here of the accidental death at South Haven, in the southern part of the county, of James Garrison. While walking near the Soo railroad tracks he was struck by a train, which knocked him under the wheels, cutting the upper part of his head off and killing him instantly. He was deaf and probably did not hear the train. He was an old settler.

FORGOT THE KEY.

Then the Locksmith Showed Him How to Open the Door.

When Mr. and Mrs. Eastend started out to spend the evening in pursuance of an engagement they paused on the front steps long enough for Mrs. E. to propound the usual query, "Have you got the key, dear?"

"Yes, I guess so," said Mr. E. "Wait a minute. No, I haven't, either. What do you think of that? Must have left it on the dresser."

"Well, here's a pretty how-de-do!" exclaimed Mrs. E. as her consort savagely but fruitlessly rummaged his pockets. "How are we going to get in to get it?"

Hubby first tried the lower windows, to find them all carefully locked. Neighbors awoke to the situation and began to be helpful.

"Get a ladder," said one. "Get a jimmy," said another. "Get an aeroplane," said a third.

Various other expedients, ranging from derricks to dynamite, were suggested. Finally one neighbor brought a ladder which wouldn't reach the second story windows by six feet. It was suggested that the fire department be summoned. Rejected.

By this time the engagement had to be called off, and the remarks Mrs. E. was making to the female contingent of the assemblage will not here be recorded. As a last resort a locksmith was suggested, and Mr. E. departed in search of one. At the end of an hour he returned with a stolid looking German bearing an armful of tools.

"Vich too?" he inquired. "This one," said Mrs. E., "and for goodness' sake don't jimmy it nor dynamite it unless you have to!"

"Dot's all right," grunted the workman. Then he extended his hand and tried the knob. It turned. The catch had not caught. The door swung open. He turned and gave the assemblage an expressive glance.

And now when Mr. and Mrs. E. leave their little home of an evening some neighbor is sure to stick his head out of a window and kindly inquire, "Have you got the key?"—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

BLIND TO GOOD LUCK.

Fable of the Weary Farmer and the Golden Plow.

There was once a Benevolent Fairy who was accustomed to doing Good Deeds in Whimsical Ways. One day she was flying across the country to attend a meeting of the A. O. B. F. when she noticed a Farmer laboring in the fields. His horse was Attenuated and Deceitful, and his plow was Heavy and Old Fashioned. Often he would pause and wipe the sweat from his brow. Plainly he was having a Hard Time.

The Benevolent Fairy watched him a moment and observed his Haggard Look and his general air of Misery. Suddenly an Idea came to her—to make this man Rich, so that he would no longer have to delve and struggle to eke out a Bare Living. So she swooped down and touched the plow with her wand—she was, of course, invisible—and instantly it was changed to Solid Gold. Then with an amused but kindly backward glance the Benevolent Fairy went on her way.

A year later, remembering the occurrence, she flew over to see how the Farmer was enjoying his Good Fortune. She found him in the fields, plowing laboriously, and if anything he and his surroundings looked Meaner and More Miserable than they had before. Much surprised, the Fairy flew closer, just in time to hear him murmur:

"I wish this ding-busted plow warn't so heavy!"

The Benevolent Fairy eyed him pityingly; then she once more touched the plow with her wand, and it again became a thing of wood and iron. Then she flew away, and the Farmer resumed his Toil.

After all, are there not some folk who would die of thirst adrift on a river?—Clifton B. Dowd in Lippincott's.

A Duel in Undress.

Dueling, though not dead, was dying out even in Rogers' time and was not taken very seriously. The poet's biographer tells the quaint story of how Mr. Humphrey Howarth, a surgeon, when called out made his appearance in the field stark naked. The astonished challenger asked him what he meant. "I know," said Howarth, "that if any part of the clothing is carried into the body by a gunshot wound festering ensues, and therefore I have met you thus." His antagonist declared that fighting a man in puris naturalibus would be quite ridiculous, and accordingly they parted without further discussion.

Definite.

"Madam"—a census taker was speaking to her who answered his knock—"how many children over six and under twenty-one years of age have you?"

"Lemme see," she reflected; "lemme see. Wanl, sir, that be two over six an' two under twenty-one."—Everybody's.

Prepositions.

A correspondent of the New York Sun says he overheard the following: "The boys came out from over in between those houses." Here are five prepositions in a bunch. Can this "record" be broken?

Your Occupation.

Every occupation lifts itself with the enlarging life of him who practices it. The occupation that will not do that no man really has a right to occupy himself about.—Phillips Brooks.

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OTHER SOCIETIES ARE HELPING

Policy of Directors is to Make the Institution a Distinctly Railroad Institution

The first six month's report since the re-opening of the Y. M. C. A. building in this city under the new management ended November 30th, and shows much success along all lines. Notwithstanding the association had leased its rooms for several months, the new management has overcome the handicap and things look hopeful for the future.

At the meeting of the board of directors held recently, E. L. Ludwig read an encouraging report, proving on facts and figures that the association was keeping well ahead in matters numerical and financial.

There has been a change in the membership during the half year from 125 to 253, and in the later number are found to be 153 of the Northern Pacific employees while in the former number 37 were directly that company's employ. Of course the above number means those employed by the railroads running into the city. It is the determined policy of the management to make the Y. M. C. A. a distinctly railroad Y. M. C. A., and yet not to overlook the needs of the city young men who work in other various vocations in the city. Money is now being raised by the W. C. T. U. and the Christian endeavor societies of Brainerd, to utilize a third of the building which has been lying dormant, the upstairs to be made into sleeping rooms, attractively equipped with a homelike appearance which will prove to be a good source of revenue. The Northern Pacific has magnanimously donated the institution a free use of electricity needed which will make it a saving and for which both officers and directors feel indebted to the company.

More than this, notwithstanding the handicap at the beginning of the last six month's labors in a short membership list, and the railroad companies running full time, the cash receipts plus the orders signed, but not paid, by the railroad employees are only \$10.23 less than the expenses incurred during the six months. All the money raised last summer by subscriptions was used to pay interest on the indebtedness, at that.

In addition to these figures of new life and progress in things material and numerical a fine spirit of helpfulness pervades both the entire membership and officary and secretaries who are pushing matters to double the membership roll during the next six months.

REIS THE WINNER

Reis Wins Wrestling Match From Ed. Alho, the Big Finn

Olaf Reis, light weight champion of North Dakota, met and defeated Ed. Alho, welter weight wrestler, two out of three falls in some very fast and clever wrestling at Moilen-an's hall last night. Mr. Reise clearly outclassed his opponent, winning the first and last falls in seven and two minutes respectively.

Mr. Reis leaves a challenge to any and all comers in the light weight class, bar none.

Will They Strike?

Quite a good deal of uneasiness rests in the mind of most of the engineers relative to the ultimatum which will be given by the railroads to the demand of the engineers of 61 railroads west of Chicago. A well known engineer informed a Dispatch reporter that he did not know which way the matter would go, and great uneasiness is being felt by both engineers and railway officials in the matter. The matter will finally be settled one way or the other in a few days and it is hoped amicably to both parties concerned.

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DEERWOOD POWER HOUSE FINISHED

M. D. Stoner Completes Power House of His Cuyuna Range Light & Power Co.

BOILERS BEING INSTALLED

Pole Lines Strung in Cuyuna and Deerwood—Other News Items of Deerwood

Deerwood, Minn., December 21.—The power house of the Cuyuna Range Light & Power Co., has been completed, and workmen, under the direction of M. D. Stoner are busily engaged in the installation of the boilers. The building is of brick one story and basement and measures 41 by 56 feet in size. One boiler has been received from the Wm. Bros. Co., of Minneapolis, and the other one is on its way. When complete Mr. Stoner will have over 300 horse power. The dynamo will arrive the middle of January. The roofing work is being done today. R. E. Barton is the carpenter foreman. The last two weeks Mr. Stoner has been engaged in constructing pole lines and stringing transmission wires in Cuyuna. Surveyors yesterday ran the lines for his poles in Deerwood and today men are setting poles and stringing wires in Deerwood. The power house is situated in the First addition to Deerwood, on the banks of a small lake within 300 feet of the Northern Pacific railway main line and less than a quarter of a mile from the Soo line. It was only two weeks ago that the bricklayers commenced their work, finishing yesterday and returning to Little Falls. From the showing made Mr. Stoner has proved himself a most energetic manager and a man who will fulfill his contracts. By February first he expects to furnish Deerwood and vicinity with light and power.

Mrs. L. B. Cunningham is visiting friends in Marshalltown and St. Anthony, Iowa.

G. E. Mantor, of Brainerd, was in town attending to business matters. P. E. Bevins, the new barber of Ironton, is busily engaged installing his shop fixtures.

The boarding house of Mrs. Carr, at Ironton, is being plastered this week.

Mrs. Oscar Carlson, who has been sick some time, is convalescing.

Messrs. Egan and Maley and families will spend the holidays in Minneapolis.

Mr. Spalding, of Montana, formerly of Aitkin, is the new sales manager associated with Mr. Edson in the sale of lots in the First Addition.

Two Brainerd men who were said to be figuring on buying the Enterprise, returned home on the freight.

A masquerade ball will be given at Hilary's hall on New Year's eve. Good music has been engaged.

Rudolph Korngold, the socialist speaker, will deliver an address on socialism at Hilary's hall on December 27th. He has spoken in Brainerd and its vicinity and during the campaign of Victor Berger assisted at Milwaukee as well as in the Van Lear campaign for mayor of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. August Bartens, of Duluth, will visit Deerwood during the holidays.

The Cuyuna Range hospital is closed during the holidays, the head nurse, Miss Gertrude O'Connell, being at Minneapolis during the holiday week.

E. P. Berggren, who keeps the ice free from Bradley's dock, reports that it has attained a thickness of 14½ inches.

Albert St. Cyr is the second trick operator at the depot during the holidays. James Kent, of Thor, Minn., is the new operator. He sold six tickets to Brainerd on the local freight and told the boys: "Don't be afraid, I'll flag the freight for you." The local was late, and having no freight for Deerwood made its customary rush down the hill to gather momentum for the steep grade out of town and commencing at the depot. Mason, the agent, stopped Kent just in time from flagging them or the whole train crew would have sat on his neck had he halted them on the up grade.

John Nordin says that the account in the paper stating that Mr. Chas. Weyerhaeuser made a tour of the range in an automobile was incorrect. "I took him around in the company survey," said John. "We visited Cuyuna, Crosby, Ironton and section 30 and then returned to Deerwood. The automobile has been in the woodshed for the last two weeks."

The Inland Steel Co. has its material on the ground for the erection of a large office building at Crosby.

Will S. Pitt, the real estate man, was at Duluth Saturday and sold some timber land in St. Louis county. In speaking of the Northern Minnesota Development association meeting special edition which the Dispatch printed and in which Mr. Pitt advertised he said: "I have sold three lots to outside people on the ads I had in the Brainerd Dispatch and consider it a good advertising medium. I check results on every paper I advertise in." Mr. and Mrs. Pitt will spend the holidays in Oelwein, Iowa, where they formerly resided.

Rev. Father Smiers will celebrate high mass at 12:45 A. M. Sunday, or Christmas morning. This is the (Continued on page 6)

SHOPLIFTING

Brainerd Merchants Are Being Troubled by Nimble Fingered Gentry

From personal interviews with several merchants of the city who do not wish their names disclosed, the Dispatch reporter has had confirmed certain rumors which had been afloat during the past months that Brainerd is being troubled with a line of petty shoplifters. The merchants having found out that it is becoming so intolerant and regular that they have devised certain traps to catch them. Within the past few days one prominent business has had stolen two valuable fur muffs, while many other business men are complaining of having missed certain other small but valuable articles from their counters and shelves. Some of them are suggesting that private detectives be hired to go from store to store and keep a sharp look-out as is done, particularly during the busy season of Xmas, in other cities with less population than Brainerd and those larger. One of the business houses who has suffered much along this line for some time in spite of careful watching on the part of his employees related the following story:

"Several months ago we missed a valuable piece of fabric from one of our counters and no explanation of its disappearance was forthcoming. The files which are kept containing the bills of sale were carefully gone over for the week; but we came to the conclusion that a shoplifter had paid us a visit. Last Saturday the identical piece was found on the same counter from which it had been taken. The only explanation to the matter is that of being replaced brought about by a troubled conscience."

In most of the stores the help has been doubled and all the employees have been asked to keep a sharp look out on suspected parties, and if any should be caught the merchants are determined to make an example of them.

RED CROSS SEALS

Every Consumptive Uncared for is a Public Danger—Buy a Red Cross Seal

Every consumptive uncared for is a public danger. Yet only one-tenth of the cases are in the hospitals and sanatoriums of the country. That means that nine-tenths of the victims are fighting the dread enemy in their homes, either intelligently or otherwise. But in both classes there is tremendous need for help.

The plan of the Christmas seal inaugurated in this country by the Red Cross means a great recruiting for the army already enlisted to battle with the plague. It is good fighting, for it shoots straight at the mark. It means a certain cure for many who would have gone uncured, because the pennies and the dollars spent this season for seals will be transformed speedily into life-saving milk and eggs.

Above all, the plan is admirable because it is educational—because it will help to teach both old and young that it is the duty of one and all to help lift the burden of tuberculosis which weighs upon the whole community.

Those are the practical material merits of the Red Cross Stamps. But there is another side. Those little "Merry Christmas" squares are gifts that one only will do good, but will do the giver good. Each of us will be enriched by what is given.

Special Council Meeting

A special meeting of the city council will be held this evening for the purpose of authorizing the Northern Pacific railway company to construct a railroad track across Laurel street and for other business. The meeting is called by the mayor and the chief of police notified the members of the council, this afternoon.

Christmas Program

The Christmas program to be presented at the Swedish Methodist church on the evening of December 26th, is as follows:

Organ Prelude.....Mr. Lindberg
Scripture reading and prayer.....
.....Rev. Peterson
Beautiful Yuletide.....Class No. 2
"The Olden Story".....
.....Clarence and Arthur Swanson
Hatty and Violet Jorgenson
Selection.....Elsie Foster
"Messengers From Heaven's Light"
.....Clarence Swanson & Ed. Lundberg
"Precious Thoughts".....
.....Elsie, Violet, Alice, Lily and Mary Foster
"I Rejoice to See the Xmas Time"
.....Edward Lundberg
"Sing We Now of Jesus".....
.....Lotty and Elsie
"Christmas Bells".....Carl Lind
"Christmas Carol".....Esther Walstrom
"Star of the East".....Marge Lundberg
"Our Ancient Parents".....G. Walstrom
"In a Manger".....Class No. 2
Remarks.....Supt. Lindberg
Calling the Little Children.....
.....Sunday School
Christmas gifts to the school.....

FOR SALE

The Unique theatre at a snap; piano, picture machine, chairs, sloping floor, partitions, lights, stage settings and all complete. First man with the cash gets it. Don't wait.
E. C. BANE,
Bane Block.

Two Gifts for You to Consider

It is fast nearing the Christmas time and the what to give problem is becoming more perplexing. If you will consider either a merchandise certificate or a glove certificate you will find a most happy solution of the problem.

Glove Certificates

Our glove certificates have long since found a ready sale at each Christmas time. There was never a woman who had more gloves than she wanted and never a woman but who welcomes a pair. This fact makes gloves such appropriate gifts. But the average person wishing to give a pair of gloves is not familiar with the size required or the color wanted. Our glove certificates make glove giving very simple. You select the quality you wish to present and we register this so that when the recipient of the gift presents the certificate she chooses the shade and color.

Merchandise Certificates

Many husbands and many others who wish to make a gift but don't know what to give will find our merchandise certificates to their liking. The reliability of our store and the splendid qualities of merchandise carried will make such a gift very acceptable. We will issue a certificate for any amount you wish to present and when presented by the recipient our utmost efforts will be expended in seeing that she secures the full value of her certificate.

H. H. Michael Co.

VALIANT FIREMEN ARE KILLED

Chicago, Ill., December 22.—Twenty or more firemen, among whom are believed to be Fire Marshall James Horan, Battalion Chief William Burroughs, and Lieut. Fitzgerald, were killed when crushed beneath the heavy wooden canopy which fell upon them while fighting a fire which did damage estimated at \$500,000 to the beef house in the stock yards today.

The injured number is not less than 40 it is estimated

The fire, carrying its loss of life which may reach forty, started from an explosion.

Christmas Program at Y. M. C. A.

The following Christmas program will be given at the Y. M. C. A. next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. This meeting will be open to both ladies and gentlemen. There will be no collection taken nor will there be an admission fee. All are welcome:

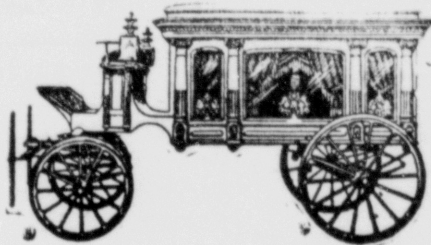
Piano solo.....Mr. P. H. Wallbacher
Vocal solo.....Miss Ada Newgard
Reading.....Miss Mable Smythe
Piano solo.....Miss Jennie Wilson
Vocal solo.....Mr. E. H. Lawton
Violin solo.....Miss Jennie Zakariassen
Piano accompaniment by Wellbacher
Vocal duet.....Swanson Bros.
.....Mr. Lawton
Piano solo.....Mr. Wellbacher
Vocal solo.....Mrs. E. L. Ludwig
Violin obligato.....by Miss Zakariassen
Reading.....Mrs. E. M. Sorenson
Violin solo.....Miss Jennie Zakariassen
Piano accompaniment by Wellbacher
Song.....By Imperial Quartette

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Monday Will be Holiday

Christmas falling on Sunday this year, Monday will be observed as a holiday. Stores and all places of business will be closed.

CROW WING ITEMS

Miss Mable Donahue, who has been visiting at John Chisholm's, went to St. Cloud on Saturday.

Mrs. A. M. Johnston returned from Little Falls on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Guin went to Riceville, Iowa, for an extended visit on Monday.

Mrs. Rose Robbins returned from Little Falls on Monday.

Mrs. Pat Murphy went to Michigan to spend the holidays.

C. B. Rathvon went to Deerwood on Tuesday.

News of the death of Mrs. Leslie Jack on Tuesday evening caused many grieved hearts, for Grandma Jack was loved by old and young. She will be buried in Brainerd.

Christmas Turkeys

A fine line of young turkeys for Christmas. Place your order now. The highest price paid for hides and furs.

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Eyes examined for glasses at the Northwestern Hospital every Wednesday.

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THE selection of a suitable Christmas Gift for a man or a boy is an easy proposition at this store. We have so many "just right" things, that its only a matter of choice in making selections.

Neckwear
Gloves
Suspenders
Hosiery
Shirts
Mufflers

Bath Robes
Smoking Jackets
Umbrellas
House Slippers
Collar Bags
Pajamas

Holeproof Hosiery
For Men, not only mean hosiery comfort and style for the recipient, but means freedom from holes and darned places until next July.
There is a great range of colors.
Six pair to the box
At.....**\$1.50**

Our Twenty Five per cent Discount Sale on Overcoats and Suits has proved a success and suggest you make an early selection as they are going very fast.

Bye & Peterson

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

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He is about as busy as the Indian deputies these days, and those who have been in the habit of disregarding the game laws are sitting up and taking notice.

Splendid line of up-to-date hand bags at H. P. Dunn's. 17112

Mamie Anderson, who has been confined to the Northwestern hospital for the past three weeks as the result of injuries received while working with a drilling crew, left today for Cambridge, Minn., to spend the Christmas vacation with relatives and friends.

Carl XII Lodge I. O. G. T., will give its 18th annual festival at Scandia hall on Saturday evening, December 31st. These New Year's eve entertainments are always well attended and the program and refreshments this year will equal those of any past year.

Fancy calendars and pads for 1911 at McColl's. 17

Evidently many of the mothers of the city are taking advantage of the morning shopping these days. Large numbers are to be seen visiting the different stores and hurrying home before school is out to hide their childrens present until Christmas morning.

Toilet sets, manique and military brushes, at H. P. Dunn's. 17112

The buildings of the N. P. Ry. at North Town, Minneapolis, are nearly completed. The contract for their construction was awarded Libby & Nelson, and Otto Lundberg, who is a foreman, will make a week's visit in the city during the holidays, after which he will return to begin the construction of the Soo bridge.

In the write-up in yesterday's issue of the various Christmas displays made by merchants, the reporter inadvertently overlooked the jewelry store of E. P. Raymond on Laurel street, and J. F. Murphy & Co., the clothiers, on Front street. Mr. Raymond has his usual fine display of jewelry, watches, diamonds, silverware and cut glass, etc., attractively displayed, while Mr. Murphy's artistically and appropriately trimmed windows are a pleasure to see.

Mr. Henry Clarke is home for the Christmas holidays. Mr. Clarke resides at 315 N. E. Second avenue, and has been working in Virginia during the past year as overseer and mining expert for the Butler Bros., one of the largest contracting firms in the country, who are engaged in stripping operations for the M. A. Hanna Co., at the Silver mine. Mr. Waldron Holder, until a few months ago a machinist at the shop, reports Mr. Clarke, has just been appointed master mechanic of the Shenango mine at Chisholm.

Sent to St. Paul

A man of about 65 years of age who blew into town about a couple of weeks ago, giving his name as E. T. Goodrich and informing the officers of the Salvation Army that he had been sent to this city by the officers of the Salvation Army of St. Paul, but who, after the local officers had found out to be lying, immediately said that he belonged to another religious organization represented in this city, was ordered out of town as a vagrant and an undesirable citizen, and his fare paid to St. Paul by the commissioners. The man seemed to have so many aliases that the Y. M. C. A. and other parties who had been kindly disposed toward him because of his age and appearance, simply turned him down. He told the police of the city that he had been sent to Brainerd to get work at some of the hotels here by way of janitor, but after work had been extended to him he became indolent and insolent to his would-be benefactors and the police put him on the cars and sent him to St. Paul.

Elegant Calendars

The First National bank of this city is keeping up its reputation in the calendar line. This year their office and also room calendars are exquisite, the best that art affords along the lithographic line. The pictures are copies of artists of international fame, one an American and the other a Canadian. "The Master Workman" is the title of the large office calendar, the work of the celebrated artist, E. Irving Couse, and represents a Santa Clara Indian weaving a ceremonial robe, with a younger one looking on at the old master. "A Girl You Ought to Know," is from the original painting by Miss Florence Carly, a brilliant young Canadian artist, and represents the form and features of a model, whole-souled young woman, standing with inclining head and shoulders over a mantel by a fire which throws out its glow upon her. Their patrons are much delighted with the gifts.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c. tte

The Festival of Minerva.

The most notable festival at Athens was in honor of Minerva. All classes of citizens on this day marched in procession. The oldest went first, then the young men, the children, the young women, the matrons and the people of the lower orders. The most prominent object in the parade was a ship propelled by hidden machinery and bearing at its masthead the sacred banner of the goddess.

DEERWOOD POWER HOUSE IS COMPLETED

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first high mass to be celebrated in the Deerwood church and will be largely attended by all parishioners of Deerwood and its vicinity.

Oscar Peterson is suffering with tonsillitis.

A. K. Friedrichs will spend Christmas at Cleveland, Ohio.

Patrick Toomey will spend the holiday season at Tomahawk, Wis.

Miss Irma Warner will spend the holidays at Scotland, S. D., and her place is temporarily filled by Miss Leonora Nubbe, of Brainerd.

Attorney Uhl will spend Christmas at St. Paul.

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Bosel will spend the holidays at St. Paul.

C. J. O'Connell is at Hibbing attending to business matters.

The plastering on the new bank building is completed. The tiled floor is being laid and the fixtures are expected next week. When completed the First National bank of Deerwood will have the finest banking quarters on the range.

Hugo Barthelme is reported sick.

Among the specialties which the band boys will present at the time of the rendition of their play, "Out in the Streets," are the quartette number by Wm. Rogers, D. Archibald, Dode Archibald and Wm. Mealy, also Dutchy on the phone with the banker at the First National; Rogers and Archibald in Swede songs; the negro Juno with bones and song and the "Deerwood Tragedy on Local Option" by Charles Kelly; with a final tableau by the whole company. The play will be given December 23rd and many tickets have been sold. The band boys are entitled to all possible encouragement and should have a large audience.

Xmas gifts for father, mother, baby, sister and brother—gifts for everybody—a full line at the

MODEL VARIETY STORE,
160-161 613 Laurel St., Brainerd.

OAK LAWN NOTES

A very pleasant meeting of the Young People's society of Oak Lawn, was held at the home of Mrs. Keough last Friday evening. About 25 guests were present. Games and other amusements were the chief features of the evening. The rooms were handsomely decorated in Xmas colors. The couple winning the first prize was Miss Grace Allston and Mr. Roy Larson. This society meets every few weeks however, some of our members were absent on account of being out of town.

Mrs. Guy Baker and son leave Wednesday morning for a visit at her home in Chicago.

Miss Anna Murphy spent Sunday visiting the Misses Keough in Oak Lawn.

Mrs. Campbell, daughter of Mrs. and Mr. F. B. Congdon, leaves today for her home in British Columbia.

Miss Frances Fox visited the high school last Friday afternoon.

Miss Anna J. Benda and Miss Mamie Keough are expected to be home Friday for the Xmas vacation.

Miss Rose Keough is expected home from Little Falls Friday.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing in Oak Lawn again. Guess, who?

Miss Jennie Nelson, teacher of Dist. 4, will give a Xmas program at her school in the near future.

Justice Moves Swiftly.

New York, Dec. 21.—Justice dealt the Black Hand a quick blow in Brooklyn with the conviction in less than six hours of Maria Rappa for kidnapping. The jury was out ten minutes.

Fall Fatal to Farmer.

Des Moines, Dec. 22.—Albert Rosson, a farmer living near Adaza, fell backward out of his wagon when the back end gate broke and landed on his head, breaking his neck. He died instantly.

Cautious.

Mrs. R.—Do you believe in a uniform divorce law? Mrs. N.—Let's see the uniform.—Smart Set.

C. L. BURNETT

Optician and Jeweler

Finest Stock of Jewelry in the city

Our Motto: "Quality First of All"

Karnak Brass

We have an extra large line of this popular ware to select from.

Hammered Brass

Articles from this stock make a most appropriate Christmas gift.

Hand Painted China

From the best studios and also pieces from local artists.

Bracelets

We carry many styles and sizes and can surely suit you from our stock.

Sterling Silver

Explanations are useless when applied to these popular Christmas gifts.

Cut Glass

The best we have ever had are the styles and cuts we have this year.

Sterling Silver Novelties

This line is very complete and will help many in their choice of gifts.

Manicure Articles

The best to be had at the most reasonable prices of any place in the city.

Jewelry

Our stock of jewelry cannot be beaten by any other in the city.

Watches

To look over our line of watches is a positive pleasure at any time.

Diamonds

We have a good selection in both loose and mounted gems.

Other Gifts

Come in and look over our complete line of articles suitable for gifts.

BRAINERD OPERA HOUSE

FRANK C. HALL, Manager

Friday, Dec. 30

DENMAN THOMPSON and GEORGE W. RYER'S

Most Successful Character Play

OUR NEW MINISTER

Better Than "THE OLD HOMESTEAD"

Presented by a Cast of Uniform Excellence

New And Elaborate Scenic Production

PRICES: 25, 50, 75, \$1.00

Seats on sale at Dunn's Drug Store THURSDAY, Dec. 29th, at 10 a. m.

Couldn't Kill Him.

"Spotted fever" received some queer treatment in John Wesley's day, according to Wesley's journal of September, 1746. A man named John Trembath had the fever, and Wesley wrote: "It was the second relapse into the spotted fever, in the height of which they gave him sack, cold milk and apples, plums, as much as he could swallow. I can see no way to account for his recovery but that he had not yet finished his work."

Abraham Could Read and Write.

Some people persist in thinking that the art of writing is recent and that in primitive times poems and literary productions had to be memorized. But more than 3,000 years before the Christian era people in Abraham's native town wrote receipts for garden and market products just as we have them now, showing that the patriarchs certainly must have known how to read and write.—Dr. William Hanna Thomson in Designer.

Not Interested.

"You really ought to take up the study of reincarnation," said the young woman of great mentality. "Not I," answered Mr. Dustin Stax. "These investigations are giving me all the trouble concerning my past that I can handle at present."—Washington Star.

Court Plaster.

Court plaster is named after the plaster of which the court ladies in the days of the Stuarts made their patches.

A GRAND MINE OF WEALTH

Two Billion and a Half Dollars Annually is what Dairy Products of the Nation is Worth

To the average mind the value of the milk and dairy products of the farms of this nation is a sealed book, but, it represents so much for the well-being of our citizens, both in health and dollars, that every man, woman and child, should familiarize themselves with the facts. Statistics tell us that as a wealth producer milk and dairy products in our country are so enormous that even the total value of the wheat crop of all our states pale into insignificance beside it. The people of the United States consume over nine billion gallons of milk annually, being an annual supply of one hundred gallons each for every one of our inhabitants. Of course this includes all that is used for table uses and that manufactured into butter, cheese, ice cream, etc., and the total value of the product is over \$2,500,000,000 annually, or about one-fifteenth of the total wealth of the nation. This is about five times the value of the nation's wheat crop and nearly twice the value of the corn crop. The human mind can hardly grasp this stupendous fact, especially when we consider that the value of the corn crop of our country could be sold for enough cash to cancel the national debt then build the Panama canal and then leave a balance of a hundred million dollars. Minnesotians, at least, begin to appreciate the importance of dairying for it has proven a wealth producer and farm improver beyond the fondest hopes of the agriculturists. The very settlement of a large portion of Northern Minnesota depends very largely on the proposition of dairying and it is a most essential and serious condition to be considered, as it will mean millions of dollars annually to the wealth produced in the state and even more, it will be the means, very largely, whereby the barrier of the forests may be overcome and instead of the Jackpine the farmer and home builder may possess the soil.

According to the United States census reports Minnesota has progressed in dairying as follows:

Year	No. cows	Butter in state	Butter Made	Cheese Made
1850	607		1,100	
1860	40,344		2,957,673	
1870	121,467		9,522,010	271,477
1880	275,545		19,244,833	985,329
1890	593,908		35,677,504	4,292,170

Today Minnesota is one of the foremost dairy states of the union and yet we are only beginning to appreciate the fact that it is the most hopeful industry of our future. The

most independent citizen of the future, and that not distant, will be the one located on the well-tilled farm, and like all successful enterprises, the more intensified its cultivation the more lasting and beneficial will be the reward.

Conductor Killed in Collision.

Virginia, Minn., Dec. 22.—James Casey, thirty years old, a conductor on the Duluth, Rainy Lake and Winnipeg railway, was instantly killed in a rear end collision between two freight trains in a heavy fog in the local yards.

THIS LOT 10c EACH



WANTS

Notices under this head will be charged for at the rate of one cent a word for the first insertion and one half a cent a word for each subsequent insertion, strictly cash in advance, but no ad will be taken for less than fifteen cents.

HELP WANTED.

WANTED—Cook and dining room girl Windsor hotel. 167tf

WANTED—Competent girl at the de, ct Lunch room. Good wages. 158tf

WANTED—20 men to cut lath bolts and logs. Good timber. Geo. A. McKinley, Pequot, Minn. 171t6p

WANTED—Woman cook at State Sanatorium, near Walker; must have had experience in general cooking; good wages. Apply to Superintendent State Sanatorium, Cass Co., Minn. 164t10

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Steam heated furnished flat for light housekeeping in Pearce block. Mrs. J. K. Pearce. 161-tf

FOR RENT—6 room flat, modern, Cale block. Call at E. C. Bane's real estate agency, room 2, Bane block. 126tf

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—A fresh milch cow. Brainerd Ice Co., 310 6th St. S. 169t6

FOR SALE—Lakeside hotel and furniture. Victor Wickstrom, Deerwood, Minn. 151-3m

ENGINEERING

F. A. GLASS—Mining Engineer and Surveyor. Direction of Explorations, surveys, plans, estimates reports.

Santa Claus' Headquarters

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Beautiful Gifts!

Never so Good! Never so Cheap!

We can, we will, We do, supply just what everybody wants for Christmas

If you want to buy right

If you want to be treated right, make our store HEADQUARTERS for your Christmas buying

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710 Front Street, Brainerd, Minnesota

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Best and Largest Stock Ever Shown in the City

Cut Glass—Extra Special—Six water sets, worth \$16.00 each, now...\$7.65 Cut Glass bowls, worth, \$8.00 each, now...\$2.85

Sterling Silver—You can get all the latest novelties here at lower prices than others charge.

Ebony Goods—As complete a line as can be found in larger cities. We have all the late novelties.

Hand Engraving—We make a specialty of hand engraving of monograms, etc., on all goods sold when so desired.

Bracelets—Largest stock ever brought to the city. Unique and dainty designs so dear to the feminine heart.

Fine Umbrellas—Sterling Silver and gold filled handles of the new patterns. Everyone wants one for Christmas.

Hand Painted China—We have a stock of these goods that cannot be equaled for design or elegance of finish.

Watches—We have the largest and best stock ever shown here. Solid and filled cases. Prices and quality guaranteed.

Jewelry—You should see our stock. Never before was anything as fine ever shown in Brainerd. Rings, Chains, Stick Pins, etc.

An Elegant Line of Diamonds for the Holiday Trade

E. S. HOUGHTON, Jeweler

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